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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,

COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
GUNTUR

Rc.No.425/2022/C4.

Dated: 03-04-2024.

CASTE STATUS VERIFICATION - GUNTUR DISTRICT - PRATHIPADU MANDAL - THUMMALAPALEM VILLAGE - ENQUIRY AND VERIFICATION OF CASTE STATUS OF Smt. MERUGU SUBHASHINI, MPTC, THUMMALAPALEM VILLAGE, PRATHIPADU MANDAL - DLSC CONDUCTED ENQUIRY AND SUBMITTED FINDINGS - PERSONAL HEARING HELD BEFORE THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR - CONFIRMED HER CASTE AS "SC-MALA".

- Read:
1. U.O.Note dt.17.11.2022 of the Superintendent, Coordination Section, Collector's Office, Guntur.
 2. This office Notice dated 28.11.2022 issued to the complainant, the respondent
 3. This Office Rc.No.425/2022/C4, dt.10.01.2023, dt.31.01.2023 and 23.02.2023 addressed to the Tahsildar, Guntur West.
 4. This Office Rc.No.425/2022/C4, dt.10.01.2023, dt.31.01.2023 and 23.02.2023 addressed to the Tahsildar, Prathipadu.
 5. L.Dis.No.110/2023-C, dt.25.02.2023 of the Tahsildar, Guntur West.
 6. Rc.No.41/2023, dt.27.02.2023 of the Tahsildar, Prathipadu.
 7. This Office Rc.No.425/2022/C4, dt.03.03.2023 addressed to the Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru.
 8. Rc.No.30/2023-B, dt.16.03.2023 of the Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru.

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ORDER:

Sri Zinka Bajibabu Yadav, S/o. China Yesu Yadav, Yanamadala village of Prathipadu Mandal has filed an allegation before the Hon'ble Lokayukta that Smt Merugu Subhashini who belongs to SC Mala community and who has obtained SC certificate from the Tahsildar, Prathipadu on 11.03.2020, obtained another caste certificate on the same day from the Additional Programme Coordinator, SSA, Guntur as if she belongs to BC-C caste and filed nomination for the post MPTC Member of Thummalapalem Village and she got elected to the post on 14.03.2020, the Hon'ble AP Lokayukta directed the District Collector to send comments on the contents of the complaint petition.

Further, the matter was referred to the MPDO, Prathipadu to enquire and submit report. The MPDO, Prathipadu has submitted a detailed report and specific remarks in the matter as follows:

"The MPDO, Prathipadu has submitted that a report was requested from the Tahsildar, Prathipadu whether they issued any caste certificate to the individual. The Tahsildar, Prathipadu has stated that Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o. Yesobu resident of Thummalapalem village, Prathipadu Mandal, Guntur District had applied for grant of caste certificate as "SC-Mala" vide Meeseva Application No.CGC012029221800 on 11.03.2020 and the same was approved by the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu as per the recommendations of the VRO, Nadimpalem and Mandal Revenue Inspector, Prathipadu on 11.03.2020 itself and also stated that a copy of caste certificate issued is not available in the office of the Tahsildar, Prathipadu as the application being filed through Mee-seva and sent the verification report of VRO and Mandal Revenue Inspector for ready reference.

The matter referred to the District Level Scrutiny Committee (DLSC) for detailed enquiry and submitting report.

Accordingly, the DLSC issued notice dt.28.11.2022 to the complainant, the respondent and other officials concerned to attend for enquiry before the DLSC on 03.12.2022, the following persons attended for enquiry:

1. Smt. Merugu Subhashini, MPTC, W/o Yesobu, Thummalapalem Village, the respondent.
2. Sri B. Sambaiah Retired Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub Division, Prathipadu.
3. MPDO, Prathipadu
4. Zinka Babibabu Yadav, the complainant.

The complainant stated that he filed a complaint petition before the Hon'ble A.P. Lokayukta alleging that Smt. Meruga Subhashini who belongs to Scheduled Caste had obtained "SC – Mala" caste Certificate from the Tahsildar, Prathipadu on 11.03.2020 and the same day evening she obtained caste certificate as belonging to BC-C and she got elected as MPTC, Member by filing false BC certificate. Therefore he requested to examine the nomination forms and caste certificates relating to the candidate contested for the MPTC elections of Prathipadu Mandal and take action on the returning officer, Thummalapalem and other officials concerned after due enquiry.

The petitioner also requested to disqualify the election of Smt. Merugu Subhashini as MPTC, Member, Thummalapalem Village and render justice to the BC people of the Thummalapalem Village.

The CEO, ZP has already submitted a report dt. 14.03.2022 in the matter as follows.

1. As per the Guntur District Gazette No. 826, Notified by the Collector & District Election Authority, Guntur, dated 05-03-2020 the Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC), Thummalapalem Village of Prathipadu Mandal is Reserved for "B.C.(W)".
2. Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu has submitted an application before the Tahsildar, Prathipadu Mandal, Guntur District bearing No. CGCO12029221800, dated 11-03-2020 for the issue of Community Certificate stating that she belongs to "Hindu-Mala-SC" and the Tahsildar concerned viz. Sri M. Purnachandra Rao has issued the Community Certificate that the individual belongs to "Mala-(SC)" Community/Caste.
3. Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu R/o 1-26, Thummalapalem Post, Prathipadu Mandal, Guntur District has filed her nomination before the Returning Officer concerned viz. Sri B. Sambaiah, Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu, Guntur District on 11-03-2020.
4. In Page No. 3(Part-III) of the Nomination Paper Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu has herself declared that she belongs to "B.C.-C". and the same is certified by a Gazetted Officer viz. Sri P. Ramesh, Additional Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Guntur on 11-03-2020.
5. Nobody filed an objection against the Nomination submitted by Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu before the Returning Officer at the time of scrutiny held on 12-03-2020 and the Returning Officer concerned declared the said Nomination as Valid.
6. Altogether Five(05) Nominations were submitted for the post of MPTC, Thummalapalem and there by Four(04) Nominations were withdrawn and Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu was the only candidate in fray after the said withdrawals.
7. Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu was declared as Unanimously Elected as MPTC, Thummalapalem on 14-03-2020.

In the light of the above facts, it is evident that:

1. Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu has deliberately or otherwise did not enclose the "S.C." Community/Caste Certificate issued by the Tahsildar to the Nomination Paper submitted by her on 11-03-2020. She submitted the Nomination Paper along with her declaration and thereby Certified by the Gazetted belongs to "B.C-C" as the MPTC, Thummalapalem is Reserved for "B.C.(W).
2. The Tahsildar, Prathipadu Mandal and the Gazetted Officer & Additional Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Guntur and Returning Officer(MPTC), Prathipadu Mandal are not aware of this issue.

Accordingly, the then District Collector, Guntur submitted a copy of the report dt. 14.03.2022 of the CEO, ZP, Guntur to the Deputy Registrar, Hon'ble Lokayukta as per Rc.No.713/2022-H7,dated 19.03.2022.

The Hon'ble Lokayukata forwarded the following objections filed by the complainant on the report dt.19.03.2022.

1. That the MPTC, member post of Thummalapalem was reserved for BC (Women) in the local body elections-2020.
2. Smt.Meruga Subhashini who belongs to SC-Mala had obtained SC-Mala caste certificate from the Tahsildar, Prathipadu in the morning on 11-03-2020 and obtained BC-C certificate from the Additional Programme Co-ordinator Samagra Siksha on the same day evening and filed before the Election returning officer.
3. He questioned how the additional programme co-ordinator had issued the BC certificate to Smt.Merugu Subhashini who belongs to SC.
4. The Additional Co-ordinator issued BC -C certificate to Merugu Subhashini without conducting any enquiry.
5. Smt. Merugu Subhashini obtained BC-C certificate from a Government officer by cheating for her political benefit and got elected as MPTC member by threatening the other contestants and made them to withdraw their nominations.
6. The petitioner requested the Hon'ble Lokayukta to remove Smt.Merugu Subhashini from the post of MPTC, Member and take departmental action against Sri.P.Ramesh, the Additional Co-Ordinator, Samagra Siksha who issued false BC- C certificate to Smt.Merugu Subhashini.
7. The complainant finally requested to take action against Smt.Merugu Subhashini who cheated the Government.

Further, the MPDO was directed to submit a report on the contentions raised by the complainant.

Accordingly, the MPDO, Prathipadu submitted her report dt. 17.10.2022 to the District Collector, Guntur as follows.

- As per the report dt. 06.10.2022 received from the Tahsildar, Prathipadu, Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu resident of Thummalapalem Village of Prathipadu had applied for grant of caste certificate as SC-Mala on 11.03.2020 and same was approved by the then Tahsildar, Prathipadu as per the recommendations of the VRO, Nadimpalem and MRI, Prathipadu on 11.03.2020 itself.
- As per Guntur District Gazette No.826 dated 05.03.2020, the post of MPTC Thummalapalem was reserved for BC(Women).
- Smt.Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu filed her nomination before the returning officer on 11.03.2020 as per records.
- In part –III of the nomination paper Smt.Merugu Subhashini signed a declaration that she belongs to BC–C and the same counter signed by Sri P.Ramesh, Additional Project Co-Ordinator, Samagra Siksha, Guntur on 11.03.2020.
- But Smt Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu has not submitted the SC-Mala caste certificate obtained from the Tahsildar, Prathipadu along with her nomination form.
- At the time of scrutiny held on 12.03.2020, nobody filed any objection against the nomination submitted by Smt Merugu Subhashini before the returning officer, therefore the returning officer declare the said nomination as valid.
- Five nominations were received for the post of MPTC, Thummalapalem out of which 4 nominations were withdrawn, thereby Smt.Merugu Subhashini was the only candidate left in the contest therefore Merugu Subhashini was declared elected unanimously on 14-03-2020.

The MPDO submitted another report dt. 02.11.2022 with the following details.

- As per Rule-8(2)(c) of conduct of election rules a candidate who files his/her nomination for the office of No, MPP, ZPP, which is reserved to ST/SC/BC shall invariably fill up the portion of the nomination which contains the declaration specifying the particular tribe or caste or class to which he/she belongs.
- The declaration shall be made before any gazetted officer of the Government or before any officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Tahsildar.
- The returning officer is permitted to accept the nomination to a reserved seat on the basis of caste certificate issued by any competent authority, in lieu of the declaration specified in rule 8(2)(c) of conduct of election rules.
- A candidate can either produce a declaration under rule 8(2)(c) or a community certificate from competent authority under the relevant law.

- In the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) issued for the guidance of Returning Officers (ROs) for elections to MPTCs/ZPTCs -2020 it is clarified that " The nomination of the candidate cannot be rejected for suppressing or giving false information in the declaration. The copies of the nomination papers filed by each candidate along with a copy of the declaration accompanying the nomination should be displayed on the notice board of the O/o the R.O. If anyone furnishes any information contradicting the statements in the nomination form or declaration by means of duly sworn affidavit/declaration, the same should be displayed on the notice board. If the R.O. satisfied that the information given by the candidate in the declaration is wrong, he may file a formal complaint before the appropriate court u/s.177 of IPC (r/w.S.200 Cr.Pc)."
- Nobody filed any objection against the nomination submitted by Smt.Merugu Subhashini.
- After completion of election process, Sri Zinka Bajibabu Yadav filed a complainant before the institution of Hon'ble Lokayukta, Kurnool, alleging that Smt.Merugu Subhashini got elected by producing false caste certificate.

The MPDO finally reported that Smt Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu holds the sole responsibility to produce correct information regarding her community/caste to contest the elections.

Sri Zinka Bajibabu Yadav filed a similar complaint to the A.P. State Election Commissioner on which the SEC called for a report.

Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu, resident of Thummalapalem Village of Prathipadu Mandal attended before the DLSC on 03.12.2022 and stated that she belongs to Christian Mala. She got elected as MPTC member of Thummalapalem Village in the year 2020 unanimously. She stated that she was baptised during the year 2005 even before her marriage. Her husband belongs to Schedule Caste, therefore she erroneously mentioned her caste as SC Mala in the application filed through Mee-Seva for issue of caste certificate at the time of filing nominations in the month of March-2020. Later, she filed an affidavit before the Returning Officer that she belongs to Christian Mala BC-C. She stated that she belongs to Christian Mala and following the Christian Religion, regularly going to Church and celebrating Christian festivals.

She filed Xerox copies of the following records:

1. Baptism Certificate
2. Aadhar Card

Sri P.RAMESH, the then Additional Project Coordinator Samagra Siksha Abhiyan, Guntur Present Working As District Educational Officer, SPS NELLORE DISTRICT, NELLORE attended before the DLSC on 03.12.2022 and stated as follows:

1. On 11-03-2020 Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu has approached him and requested to Countersign their declaration contained In Page No. 3 (PART -III) of the Nomination Paper.
2. In the said declaration, Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu has signed self-declaration that she is from Thummalapalem area of Andhra Pradesh and belongs "BC-C" Caste.
3. In support of her declaration, the individual produced a Baptism Certificate issued by the AELC Church, Guntur.
4. As per Rule 8 (2) (c) OF Conduct of Election Rules, a candidate who files his/her nomination for the office of Member, Mandal Praja Parishad or Member, Zilla Praja Parishad, which is reserved to be filled by a person belonging to the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe or Backward Class, shall invariably fill up the portion of the nomination which contains the declaration specifying the particular tribe or caste or class to which he/she belongs and the area in relation in which that tribe or caste or class, as the case may be, is a scheduled tribe/scheduled caste or backward class of the State. The declaration shall be made before any Gazetted Officer of the Government or before any officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Tahsildar.
5. He stated that he enquired the rule position and satisfied by the documentary evidence (Baptism Certificate) produced by the individual and countersigned the Self-Declaration In Page No.3 (part -III) of the Nomination Paper.
6. He countersigned the Self-Declaration made by smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu; a contesting candidate for Thummalapalem MPTC as a Gazetted Officer. He stated that he has not issued a Caste Certificate and he is not a competent authority to issue a caste certificate.
7. The complainant failed to understand the difference between Countersigning a Self-Declaration by a Gazetted Officer and issuing a Caste Certificate.
8. Further he doesn't know that Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu has obtained "SC-Mala" caste certificate from Sri A. Purnachandra Rao, Tahsildar, Prathipadu on the same day i.e., 11-03-2020. Nobody brought this to his notice until this complaint is made.
9. Hence he countersigned the Self-Declaration made by Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu and discharged his duties as a Gazetted Officer, and he has not issued any Caste Certificate.

Sri B. Sambaiah Retired Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub Division, Prathipadu attended before the DLSC on 03.12.2022 and stated as follows:

1. Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu R/o 1-26, Thummalapalem Post, Prathipadu Mandal Guntur District has filed her nomination before him on 11-03-2020.
2. In the page no. 3 (Part – III) of the Nomination Paper Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu has herself declared that she belongs to BC-C before a Gazetted Officer viz Additional Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Guntur on 11-03-2020.
3. Nobody filed an objection against the Nomination submitted by Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu before the Returning Officer at the time of scrutiny held on 12-03-2020 and he as a Returning Officer concerned declared the said Nomination as valid.
4. Altogether Five (05) Nominations were submitted for the post of MPTC, Thummalapalem and thereby Four (04) were withdrawn and Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu was the only candidate in fray after the said withdrawals.
5. Smt. Merugu Subhashini W/o Yesobu was declared as unanimously elected as MPTC, Thummalapalem on 14-03-2020.
6. Hence, he finally stated that he discharged his duties as per rules in force as a Returning Officer or MPTC, Prathipadu Mandal.

The MPDO, Prathipadu Mandal vide report Rc.No.36/2022-A, dated 05.12.2022 furnished attested copies of the following records.

1. Nomination papers in Form-IV containing Part-1, Part-II, Part-III, Part-IV and Part-V.
2. MPTC Election Notification bearing Rc.No.4933/2019(RES)-A2(ZP), dated.05.03.2020 published in Gazette Number 826, dated 05.03.2020 (the post of MPTC Thummalapalem reserved for BC(Women)).

As per part-III of the nomination form, Smt Merugu Subhashini w/o Yesobu declared herself as belonging to BC-C before the Additional Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Siksha, Guntur.

Election Notification bearing Rc.No.4933/2019(RES)-A2(ZP) dated 05.03.2020 stating that the MPTCs specified in the Schedule –I and II to the notification reserved for ST/SC/BC and Women as the case may be as specified in column No.1 to 6 of the schedule was published in Gazette Number 826, dated 05.03.2020 (the post of MPTC Thummalapalem reserved for BC(Women)).

Smt. Merugu Subhashini herself admitted that her husband belongs to SC, therefore she filed application in a hurry for issue of SC caste certificate. But she was baptized in the year 2005, even before her marriage and now she is following Christianity.

The CEO,ZP Guntur in his report dt. 14.03.2022 stated that Smt Merugu Subhashini has deliberately or otherwise not enclosed the SC caste certificate issued by the Tahsildar, prathipadu to the nomination papers submitted by her on 11.03.2020.

She submitted the nomination paper along with her declaration signed before the Gazetted Officer that she belongs to BC-C, as the MPTC post of Thummalapalem was reserved for BC-Women.

The Tahsildar, Prathipadu, the additional Project Co-ordinator, SSA, Guntur and the Dy.EE, (PR) Returning Officer were not aware of the issue that Smt M.Subhashini had taken SC Certificate but filed declaration before the Gazetted Officer that she belongs to BC-C.

The MPDO, Prathipadu in her report stated that Smt.Merugu Subhashini holds the sole responsibility to produce correct information regarding her caste.

As per instructions of the Joint Collector & Chairman, DLSC on 09.01.2023 the matter was referred to the Tahsildar, Guntur West and the Tahsildar Prathipadu for obtaining original record of Baptism and for the School Certificate, Marriage Certificate and the marriage photos.

Subsequently the Tahsildar, Guntur West submitted a report stating that on enquiry about the Baptism Certificate in AELC Church, Guntur the Treasurer, AELC Church, Guntur stated that "Smt Merugu Subhashini may be obtained the said certificate from the Church in Buradaguntapalem H/o Soupadu village of Vatticherukuru Mandal. It is informed that if the Baptism certificate is taken in a church, the person of that church will register the information and give the certificate through the concerned association. The stamp on the certificate does not belong to the AELC Church, Guntur. There is no record available regarding to certificate issued to Smt. Merugu Subhashini in AELC Church, Guntur.

Finally, the , the Tahsildar, Guntur West submitted that the certificate said to be issued by the AELC Church, Guntur to Smt. Merugu Subhashini, MPTC, Thummalapalem Village, Prathipadu Mandal, Guntur District is not available in the records of AELC Church, Guntur.

The Tahsildar, Prathipadu submitted report as follows:

1. School Certificates: The individual (Merugu Subhashini) has told that she had no formal education and moreover the individual's parents hail from Buradaguntapalem H/o Soupadu, Vatticherukuru Mandal where she had undergone her primary education, hence the report may be ascertained from the respective jurisdictional officer.
2. Marriage Certificate: The individual had informed that, they don't have the marriage certificate but produced the marriage invitation card in which the marriage venue was printed as "R.C.M. Church", Thummalapalem, the bridegroom's native.

3. Marriage photos (Venue of the Marriage): There is an album of wedding photos pertaining to Smt. Merugu Subhashini and as could be observed, the marriage was solemnized in Christian customs by a priest.

The Tahsildar, Prathipadu further submitted that the Church members that witnessed the marriage had given a statement that the marriage of Merugu Subhashini with Merugu Yesobu was performed as per Christian tradition.

As Observed in the report of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur vide Enq.No.656/2022/CEO-ZP/P3, dt.14.03.2022, in the declaration, filed along with her Nomination on 11.03.2020 for the post of MPTC member of Thummalapalem Village of Prathipadu Mandal, Smt. Merugu Subhashini declared herself to have passed 7th class from Govt. School, Lingamguntla (Soupadu) of Vatticherukuru Mandal in the year 1995.

Hence, the matter was referred to the Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru for obtaining original record of Baptism Certificate of Smt. Merugu Subhashini from the AELC Church, Buradaguntapalem H/o Soupadu village and School certificate from the Govt. School, Lingamguntla (Soupadu) village.

The Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru submitted a report along with the letter received from the Head Master, MPPS (N), Sowpadu village and the statement recorded from Sri Nemalikanti Venkata Ratnam S/o Krishnarao, AELC Pastor. The Head Master, MPPS (N), Sowpadu village has furnished the school records pertaining to Smt. Merugu Subhashini, who joined in the school on 15.06.1992 in 1st standard, in which her caste was entered as "Hindu-Mala". In the statement of Sri Nemalikanti Venkata Ratnam S/o Krishnarao, AELC Pastor, he informed that at present he is working as pastor in AELC Church, Machavaram Village of Ponnur Mandal, previously he worked as Pastor from the year 2004 to 2009 in the parish AELC church of Chinalingayapalem village of Kakumanu Mandal, at that time he issued Baptism Certificate dt.10.05.2005 to Gogula Subhashini D/o Gogula Yohanu, R/o Buradaguntapalem H/o Soupadu village of Vatticherukuru Mandal.

In the primary school admission register, the caste of the individual was recorded as Hindu Mala (SC), she joined in the school in the year 1992. She obtained Baptism certificate on 10.05.2005 when she was around the age of 18 years.

She obtained Hindu Mala (SC) caste certificate from the Tahsildar, Prathipadu on 11.03.2020. She contested to MPTC Election of Thummalapalem village which was reserved for BC-C women, wherein she mentioned her caste as BC-C in part – III declaration filed by her along with her Nomination Form.

The District Level Scrutiny Committee after due examination of the enquiry reports and after hearing the complainant and the respondents came to the following conclusion:

1. The caste of the Smt Merugu Subhashini, the respondent is recorded as Hindu Mala (SC) in her school records. Her husband also belong to Hindu Mala (SC) and the caste of her children got entered as "SC" in school records. Conversion certificate from Hindu-Mala to Christian Mala issued by Competent authority not produced.
2. Smt Merugu Subhashini, the respondent obtained caste certificate from the Tahsildar, Prathipadu on 11.03.2020 as "SC" and declared herself in nomination paper on the sameday as "BC-C".
3. Her malafide intention in declaring caste as BC-C at the time of filing of nomination for the post of MPTC, Thummalapalem which was reserved for BC(W) without producing the SC caste certificate obtained by her from the Tahsildar before the Returning Officer is clearly established.
4. The caste of Merugu Subhashini is entered as "SC" in GSWS data under "AMMAVODI" scheme.
5. In the above circumstances the "Baptism Certificate" filed by the respondent cannot be taken into consideration.

The DLSC is therefore of the opinion that Smt Merugu Subhashini, the respondent, though she belongs to Hindu Mala (SC) and having obtained Hindu Mala (SC) certificate on the forenoon of 11.03.2020, later in the afternoon of 11.03.2020 she intentionally filed a declaration as Christian (BC-C) after knowing that the post of MPTC, Thummalapalem is reserved for BC (W) before the Returning Officer for the sole purpose of contesting as MPTC Member. Therefore confirmed her caste as 'SC-Mala'.

Accordingly, the District Level Scrutiny Committee (DLSC) submitted its findings.

Agreeing with the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee, a final notice dt.13.10.2023 was issued to the respondent, to show cause why the caste status should not be confirmed as "SC-Mala" basing on the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee.

Accordingly, Smt. Merugu Subhashini, MPTC, Thummalapalem Village, Prathipadu Mandal, the respondent along with her counsel appeared before the District Collector on 28.10.2023 and the counsel requested for grant of time and thereby considering the request, the case was posted to 18.11.2023. Thereafter also time was granted another two times and finally heard the case on 12.02.2024. Despite sufficient time was granted to the respondent, she could not produce any evidence in support of her claim that she belongs to "BC-C".

Therefore it is construed that there is no evidence in support of her claim. Thus it is proved that the individual belongs to "SC-Mala". Accordingly the recommendation made by the DLSC is confirmed.

In view of the above, I, M.Venu Gopal Reddy, I.A.S., Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur in exercise of the powers conferred by the Government U/s.5(1) of the A.P.(SC, ST & BCs) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 16 of 1993 read with Rule 9(7) of AP (SC, ST & BC) issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules 1997 communicated in G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare Department dt.12.5.1997 do hereby confirm that Smt. Merugu Subhashini, MPTC, Thummalapalem Village, Prathipadu Mandal belongs to "SC-Mala".

A notification to this effect shall be published in the A.P.State Gazette.

An appeal lies to the Government against this order within 30 days from the date of publication of this order in the AP State Gazette.

M.VENU GOPAL REDDY,
Collector & District Magistrate,
Guntur.

To

1. Smt. Merugu Subhashini, MPTC, W/o. Yesobu, Thummalapalem Village, Prathipadu Mandal.
2. Sri Zinka Bajibabu Yadav, S/o China Yesu Yadav, Yanamadala Village, Prathipadu Mandal.
3. The Superintendent, Coordination Section, Collector's Office, Guntur.

Office of the
Collector & District Magistrate
Guntur.
dt. 03.04.2024.

Rc.No.425/2022/C4,

NOTIFICATION

In view of the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee and in exercise of powers conferred Under Sec.5(1) of the AP (SC, ST & BCs) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act 16 of 1993, read with Rule 9(7) of AP (SC, ST & BC) Issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997, communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Department, dt.12.5.1997, it is hereby declared that Smt. Merugu Subhashini, MPTC, Thummalapalem Village, Prathipadu Mandal belongs to "SC-Mala".

M.VENU GOPAL REDDY,
Collector & District Magistrate,
Guntur.

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